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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ASEC PINS LE
SUBJ: AVIATION RELATED CRIMES

REF: STATE 156807 (NOTAL)

1. REGRET DELAY IN RESPONDING TO REFTEL, HOWEVER RSO HAS HAD DIFFICULTY IN PULLING TOGETHER REQUESTED INFORMATION IN THE FORMAT REQUESTED. IT HAS BEEN THE GOL'S PRACTICE NOT TO PUBLISH ANY PUBLIC INFORMATION REGARDING UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPTS TO BREACH BEIRUT AIRPORT SECURITY. CONSEQUENTLY, OUR INFORMATION REGARDING THESE INCIDENTS IS ESSENTIALLY BASED UPON MATERIAL PROVIDED RSO/DATT ON A CONFIDENTIAL BASIS BY AIRPORT SECURITY/MILITARY CONTACTS.

2. ACCOUNTS OF SUCCESSFUL HIJACKING INCIDENTS FROM BEIRUT HAVE BEEN AMPLY COVERED IN THE INTERNATIONAL MEDIA AND AS RESULT WE DO NOT RETAIN COPIES OF SUCH ARTICLES. THIS IS DUE PRIMARILY TO A LACK OF MANPOWER RATHER THAN LACK OF INTEREST. WE HAVE, HOWEVER, ASSEMBLED A PACKAGE CONTAINING INFORMATION RELATING TO THE INCIDENTS
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MENTIONED IN REFTEL AND SOME OTHER UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPTS TO HIJACK, CARRY ARMS/EXPLOSIVES ABOARD AIRCRAFT AT BIA. REQUEST THAT DEPARTMENT PROVIDE MAILING ADDRESS OF INTERESTED PARTY IN FAA AND WE WILL FORWARD ASAP.

3. ON A SEPARATE BUT RELATED SUBJECT, BOTH DATT AND RSO HAVE BEEN APPROACHED BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF

LEBANESE INTERNAL SECURITY, AHMED EL-HAJJ, CONCERNING QUESTION OF GENERAL AIRPORT SECURITY. SPECIFIC INCIDENT WHICH INSPIRED THESE INQUIRIES WAS SUCCESSFUL HIJACKING OF KUWAIT AIRLINES PLANE ON JULY 8 FROM BIA. INQUIRIES WERE INFORMAL AND, WE BELIEVE, FOR BACKGROUND INFORMATION. EL-HAJJ'S QUESTIONS CONCERNED POSSIBILITY OF USG ASSISTANCE IN IMPROVING SECURITY AT BIA, EITHER THROUGH COURSES TO WHICH SELECTED LEBANESE POLICE/ MILITARY OFFICERS COULD BE SENT OR THROUGH THE SERVICES OF FAA SECURITY CONSULTANT WHO COULD SURVEY BIA AND PROVIDE SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS. HAJJ WOULD ALSO BE INTERESTED IN ANY INSTRUCTIONAL READING MATERIAL ON THE SUBJECT AND CATALOGS OF AIRPORT SECURITY EQUIPMENT.

4. WE DO NOT KNOW IF THESE INFORMAL INQUIRIES WILL LEAD TO OFFICIAL REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE, BUT RSO/DATT WOULD BE MOST INTERESTED IN DEPARTMENT'S/FAA'S COMMENTS ON THIS SUBJECT.
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